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GETTING READY

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Shrouded in a cloud of sand, construction crews from Abrasive Blasting use fine grain sand to remove the old road striping on Colorado Avenue late Thursday night. After blasting away the old lines, new lines will be painted by the Chrisp Co. to help direct traffic when Santa Monica Place opens Aug. 6.

L.A. Marathon will return to SM

Slight alterations to finish line

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN It looks like the L.A. Marathon's "Stadium to the Sea" route is here to stay.

The only details in doubt are some of the finer points of the massive race's finish line and end-of-route festival.

Santa Monica city and marathon officials said this week that the finish line may be pushed further north from last year's Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard location to allow the throngs of runners extra room to cool down following the grueling contest. Also, it looks as if the festival will be moved to a vacant lot adjacent to the Civic Center instead of the 1550 Lot just north of the Santa Monica Pier, Assistant City Manager Elaine Polachek said.

"It just got really bunched-up [at the finish]," Polachek said. "With the volunteers, runners and spectators it was just too crowded near the finish."

The decision to move the festival had a few logistical issues behind it. For one, the location of last year's festival, where runners were reunited with family, friends and belongings, forced participants to walk down the pier's ramp, which was uncomfortable for many finishers, Polachek said. Also, the move would free up the 1550 Lot for additional parking.

In addition to the minor changes in Santa Monica, marathon officials added that the route from the start at Dodger Stadium through Downtown Los Angeles may be altered slightly, but promised that the landmark-studded route would look very much like last year's race.

"I don't know that you could come up with a better route for Los Angeles," said Peter Abraham, the L.A. Marathon's creative director. "There will always be minor changes, but generally speaking, we have no intentions of changing the route."

The only hurdle remaining for the marathon to return to Santa Monica is the permit process. The City Council last year amended a law allowing for at least one full marathon and one half marathon each year. The permit does not require council approval, but Polachek said that it would be

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Partial settlement reached in affordable housing dispute

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Officials here have worked out a deal to resolve part of an affordable housing dispute that arose earlier this year when City Hall disclosed that developer JSM Construction failed to provide at least 52 low-income units the company agreed to build as part of its development plans in Downtown.

The deal, announced this week, is with developer Neil Shekhter, president of NMS Properties and a partner in JSM's housing project.

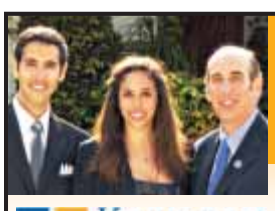
Under the terms of the agreement, Shekhter has committed to provide between 14 and 17 units to fulfill the affordable housing requirements for three market-rate apartment buildings he owns and which were part of the JSM deal, said Alan Seltzer, Santa Monica's chief deputy city attorney.

The agreement gives Shekhter several years to construct some of the units but requires that he place additional deed restrictions on other apartment units he owns in the meantime.

Under the terms of the agreement Shekhter has the option to either incorporate the affordable units into market-rate buildings or construct them "off site" in a dedicated low-income project. More units are required if they're built off site.

All of the affordable units must be deed-

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Shakespeare on the deck
Powerhouse Theatre
3116 Second St., 7:30 p.m.
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'Never' again
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Boom Kat Dance Theatre presents "NeverWonderLand," which has been reworked and updated following a successful three-week run in 2009. The play reinvents and acts as a prequel to "Peter Pan" and "Alice in Wonderland," telling the story of Peter Pan and Alice as a brother and sister who get lost somewhere between London and the fairy tale land of NeverWonderLand. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for students and $10 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased at brownpapertickets.com/event/116760 or (800) 838-3006. For more information, call (310) 202-9229.

Sunday, Aug. 1

Chariots of fire
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m.
Watch three fully decorated, four-story chariots parade toward the Ocean Front Walk Plaza during the 34th annual Festival of Chariots. The festival also includes a free feast, free entertainment and exhibits and booths that showcase Indian culture.
For more information, call (310) 836-2676.

All that jazz
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main St., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Funk and Latin jazz fill the air in front of City Hall during the fifth annual Jazz on the Lawn event. Bring a picnic blanket and beach chair while you enjoy the music and dance. Then, cool off with the self-serve frozen desert from the Big Swirl truck. Concerts are free.
For more information, call (310) 458-8350.

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St. Monica names first president

In a move that will allow principals to better focus on education and the needs of students and teachers, St. Monica Catholic Community has named Thom Gasper the first president of schools.

Gasper, who has worked as a teacher and administrator with St. Monica for 16 years, formerly serving as principal of St. Monica High School, will be responsible for community outreach, resource gathering and fundraising.

Alex Chacon, a graduate of Salesian High School and Georgetown University, will take over as principal of St. Monica High. He has been on staff for the past five years, church officials said.

"We need to be raising money to keep our tuition affordable, talk to the press and to members of the community and that suffers when you don't give it enough time," Gasper said.

As principal, Gasper, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, said he was torn between his responsibilities as an educator and an administrator, unable to give each area its due attention. By establishing a presidency, that frees up time for principals at both the high school and elementary school to become more engaged with their teachers and students.

"After a long process, Thom was the obvious choice, having grown from teacher to administrator during his long tenure," said Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson, the spiritual leader of the church. "His hiring will allow our two outstanding principals ... to focus on their roles as principals."

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PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Bike right

Get a bicycle license and a free safety inspection at this year's National Night Out Block Party, hosted by Santa Monica Police Chief Timothy Jackman.

The party, set for Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at police headquarters, is an annual celebration of the strong relationship community members have with the police department, which in turn makes Santa Monica a safer place to live, work and play, organizers said.

All are welcome to attend.

This year's theme is bicycle theft prevention and bike safety. There will be a mini bike rodeo for kids, free bike safety inspections, free bike valet, bicycle licenses for sale (residents only), displays by local bike retailers and live entertainment by the Westside Crew, performing r&b, Latin, rock, and funk music

Guests can munch on free hot dogs, pizza, beverages, and there will be giveaway items (while supplies last) and raffle prizes.

Free parking will be available in the Civic Center Parking Structure located directly across the street from the Public Safety Facility.

For additional information regarding this event, call the SMPD's Community Relations Unit at (310) 458-8474 or visit www.santamonicapd.org.

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PUT YOUR HANDS UP

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Indian pop/rock/Bollywood music star Kailash Kher from Mumbai rocks the Santa Monica Pier Thursday during the Twilight Dance series.

Greeters becoming fixtures at shopping areas

ANNE WALLACE ALLEN
Associated Press Writer

Naila Qureshi has lived in Houston for 14 years, but she didn't notice how green her city was until she started showing around visitors from foreign countries two years ago.

Qureshi is executive director of the Houston Greeters, one of 16 organizations around the world dedicated to offering visitors free tours from volunteer guides. Some other cities offer variations of the greeter concept, with volunteers or paid staff who interpret history, explain maps or subway systems, or recommend destinations.

Helping visitors discover Houston has given Qureshi a fresh view of her adopted hometown — and made her aware of things like its abundant green spaces and friendly locals.

"I had a visitor from Turkey who was just floored by how welcoming we were," said Qureshi. "She couldn't understand why a total stranger would say hello."

Volunteer greeting organizations have sprung up rapidly in recent years. The oldest, Big Apple Greeter, started in 1992. Now Big Apple Greeter is part of a network called Global Greeter with 16 destinations on four continents, including Melbourne, Australia, five cities in France, and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Jos Nusse, chairman of the Global Greeter Network, says that in addition to the 16 official Greeter Network cities, the organization receives queries all the time from other locales interested in developing similar programs, from Jerusalem to Taiwan to Dubai. "The growth curve is exponential," Nusse said.

Despite the popularity of the concept, the weak economy is hurting some programs. Nusse, who is also the project manager for Greeters in The Hague, in the Netherlands, said the program there was initially funded by local government, but has had its budget cut by 25 percent, with a proposal to cut all funding in 2011. "We are facing a big challenge," Nusse said.

A similar financial crisis is developing in New York City. "The future of Big Apple Greeter is in doubt," says founder Lynn Brooks. The organization was a pioneer of the greeter concept, and has one of the biggest programs, with 300 greeters hosting 7,000 visitors a year, but as a non-profit that relies heavily on corporate contributions, its funding has shrunk due to the recession. Big Apple Greeter is now trying to raise $300,000 by Sept. 30 to continue operating at current levels. While most of the work is done by volunteers, expenses include insurance, office supplies, computer maintenance, and a small paid staff to oversee the program.

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Independent review lacks power

Editor:

City Manager Rod Gould and Police Chief Tim Jackman should be thanked for taking a necessary and courageous first step by asking the Office of Independent Review (OIR) to use its expertise to look into the investigation and criminal referral by the Santa Monica Police Department (PD) of child endangerment charges against school board member Oscar de la Torre. No one can feel justice has been served until the truth is discovered as to whether the SMPD's action was primarily motivated by political considerations in view of Oscar's desire in the spring to run for City Council or, alternatively (as is now the case), to seek re-election.

I have yet to hear one person agree with the SMPD's conclusion that the clear undisputed facts in the criminal referral satisfy the legislature's intent in defining the elements of the crime. This is deeply disturbing!

Some caveats are in order:

1. The City Attorney's Office is now heavily into the negotiation and drafting of the city's agreement with the OIR. This includes the scope of the work methods of and limits to obtaining written and oral evidence; guarantees of independence and objectivity; larger client privileges; openness of the proceedings, etc. Since it is likely Marsha Moutrie's staff was consulted by SMPD people in legal issues during the four-month inquiry, her office is clearly conflicted out of the OIR work on the agreement. Basic legal ethics demand this! If Marsha claims that no such advice was provided, she should immediately so certify to council, the city manager, the chief and the public.

2. It is unfortunate that OIR admitted to me it has absolutely no power of subpoena or to take testimony under oath, as an inspector general or independent counsel would have. Its review of written SMPD materials will be grossly inadequate. Any "smoking gun" involving improper influence for political reasons would certainly not be in writing. Thought should be given to changing city laws to handle this lack of effective powers.

Oscar has long been a controversial figure, but he (and the city) deserve to find out if he has been the victim of moral or criminal wrongdoing. My talk with Michael Gennaco (OIR's chief attorney) suggests he will do a thorough and highly professional job speedily and with maximum transparency.

Stanley H. Epstein
Santa Monica

Japanese have the right idea

Editor:

On a recent visit to Japan, I noticed that urban areas have a very effective way to remind pedestrians of public walkways where smoking is forbidden. At regular intervals, flat tiles with "No Smoking" emblems on them are embedded into the pavement. Third Street Promenade would be an ideal place for Santa Monica to follow suit. In addition, where smoking is permitted outside on public walkways in commercial areas (and that seems to be everywhere in Japanese cities), smokers can smoke only in areas in which small cigarette receptacles are placed. The result is probably enhanced street life for smokers and non-smokers alike, and this policy may help to explain why streets are virtually free of cigarette butts.

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Modern Times

Lloyd Garver — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Rich people love Goofy

ACCORDING TO SEVERAL NEWSPAPER accounts, extremely rich people are spending their money on something that surprises me: theme parks. It just goes to show how out of touch I am with the ultra rich. I thought that those who have an extraordinary amount of money might treat themselves to things like putting an extra stamp on an envelope "just in case," buying frames from Aaron Brothers when the 1 cent sale is not going on, or splurging at the car wash and getting that carnuba wax.

But I was wrong. Now the picture is more like this: After an executive receives his obscene bonus of tens of millions of dollars, he starts for the office door and is stopped by a colleague who asks, "Where are you going?" The guy with the big bucks looks at the camera and replies, "I'm going to Disneyland."

Theme parks are suffering financially these days. While so many people are struggling to pay their grocery bills, the last thing they are thinking about spending their money on is a ride on Mad Hatter's tea cups. However, there is a niche market that is spending more than usual on things like Disneyland, Sea World, and Universal tours. That niche with a spending itch is the very rich.

For years, rich and bored people have gone on challenging and dangerous vacations. They've run with the bulls in Pamplona, hunted bears in Alaska, and even taken the ultimate risk by having their kitchens remodeled. So it's not surprising that Disney and the others have been trying to attract this kind of spending. Sea World plans on expanding their special "swim with the dolphins package" that starts at $199 per person now. Disney World has started to sell homes ranging up to $8 million with special access to the rides and fun at the theme park. If I had $8 million to spend on a house, I think I'd want it to be as far as possible from a theme park. Once again, I'm just not thinking like the very rich.

How much money you have to have to be considered "ultra rich," and how does anyone know how these people are spending their money? American Express gathered the statistics and released them. (Isn't it nice to know that credit card companies can do things like that?) American Express classifies people as "ultra-affluent" if they charge at least $7,000 a month — or $84,000 a year — on their credit card. And someone at American Express noticed that these ultra-affluent cardholders spent 32 percent more on theme parks in the first quarter of this year than in 2009.

So how will theme parks cater to people who have all that money? I assume that they will have more and more adventurous and exclusive experiences. Sea World, for example, already has plans to expand its Discovery Cove. That's where admission is limited to just over 1,000 people a day who do things like hand-feed parrots. You can also pay $500 to be a trainer for a day at Sea World. I think it's worth every penny to have your hands smell like fish for a week. A new addition will give rich visitors a chance to have "shark encounters." The only problem with having some of these Wall Street instant millionaires in that tank is that it'll be hard to tell which ones are the sharks.

There will be more exotic rides and attractions at all of the theme parks. Don't be surprised if a night at "Psycho's" Bates Motel includes being attacked when you take a shower. Isn't that just perfect for the wealthy honeymoon couple? At the "Dumbo, the Flying Elephant" ride, you'll be able to jump out of a plane while sitting on an elephant — which, is better than the other way around. And on the Jungle Cruise, the pampered but bored ultra-rich will be able to wrestle a python while getting a pedicure.

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Maybe I should sign up for one of these exclusive adventures. I could meet somebody there who could help me in the business world. Who knows? I might be in line with a super billionaire who would want to go into anything business with me. It's possible. Let's face it: it's a small world after all.

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Teens have a license to drive, but only for a limited time

Q: MY 16-YEAR-OLD SON JUST EARNED his driver's license last week and wants to drive his friends to the movies. Can he drive with others in the vehicle?

A: Once a minor passes their driver's test they are issued a "provisional" driver's license. A minor's license is "provisional" for 12 months. A provisional license only allows a minor to drive with someone over the age of 20 and limits the time they can drive from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. This means you cannot give anyone (your cousin, brother, sister, friend, etc.) a ride unless they are older than 20 or you have a legal guardian or supervisor over the age 25 present in the car.

There are some exceptions to this law. The law states that when reasonable transportation is not available and it is necessary for your 16 year old to drive, the legal guardian may grant the minor the authority to drive before 5 a.m. or after 11 p.m. The guardian must prepare a signed note, which must be kept in the minor's possession, explaining the necessity of the exception and the date and time when the minor is allowed to drive.

There are other exceptions for medical, school, and employment reasons. If there is some sort of medical issue, the note must be signed by your physician and contain the diagnosis and probable date of recovery. If there is a school authorized activity, the note must be prepared by the school and signed by the principal or their designee. If the minor needs to operate a vehicle as part of his or her employment, a note must be prepared and signed by their employer.

If you have any questions regarding your minor's driving privilege, please visit the department of motor vehicles website at www.dmv.ca.gov.

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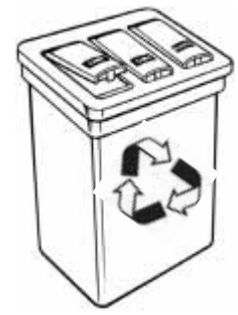
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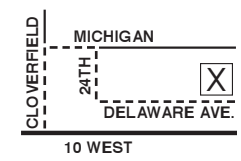
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The Q Line

Greening Santa Monica

City officials are seeking public input on a pair of new parks planned for the Civic Center.
This past week, Q-line asked:
What features would you like to see at the two forthcoming parks?
Here are your responses:

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE TREES AND GRASS. Maybe a little water fountain. And that's it."

"IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ABOUT the features. Let them do what they want. They will anyway. Just post a security guard all day, or as long as the park is open, to keep the bums out."

"CONSIDERING THAT PARKS ARE A NEW concept and a feat never before attempted in the world indicates that we do not have a pattern to follow, so I will attempt to lend an idea. Although, having never been done before, and being my original thought, I would propose an area with magnificent green grass lands, compounded with beautiful trees, shrubbery and flower gardens. Also, wide walking paths, drinking fountains, clean restrooms and shelters in case of rain and benches for the weary to sit. I realize my idea has never been applied, still I feel my suggestion is an interesting concept. Now, considering that I have an extremely fair complexion, I shall crawl back into my cave, out of the sun and hibernate for the summer."

"HOW ABOUT AN AUTOMATIC BUM ejector system. That would be nice."

"LET'S MAKE SURE THESE TWO PARKS are kid friendly, senior citizen friendly, have a nice walking path all around it for our exercise, have wonderful, clean restrooms, a good police presence for the safety of all the people who attend the park and let's have a nice walkway from the train station so that when you get off the train and you want to go to the park and relax for a few minutes, nice water fountains and let's just make it a nice, happy, fun place."

"WHERE IS ALL THE MONEY COMING FROM to pay for landscaping these parks? Perhaps they should wait on that and put the money they are going to spend on the parks and spend it on the education of the children that everyone is so worried about."

"WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE TWO forthcoming parks would be large and shady trees with benches and walkways underneath. Shade and trees are such a wonderful rarity in this semi-arid area. Anything but sports fields please. Sports fields are often seen empty because they are uninviting, hot, in direct sun light and have little use to anybody except those sports groups that use them on weekends. So please, a park for people to walk and sit in."

"CITY HALL MISSED A GOLDEN opportunity to … install a wonderful Downtown park instead of yet more high-paying tax condos and low-income housing voters. First, the new parks should have mostly evergreen trees. Definitely no palms. A tree with no shade is a waste. Definitely do not hire the landscaping firm that ruined Palisades Park. A good park guide would be Douglas Park, modeled after Keck Park in Santa Barbara, but smaller. No bicycles; maybe dogs if people have them leashed and pick up after them. Plant adult trees so half of us won't be dead by the time they mature. Pepper, honey locust, Australian willow, Chinese elm, flower eucalyptus would be good selections. The parks will be better for Downtown than an egotistical billionaire's museum rip off."

"IN MY OPINION, AN I AM SURE absolutely other people will agree, we need to have our parks children friendly with families of course, and very clean restrooms with cameras at the door before you enter to make sure who goes in are the right people who need to go in. And then clean the parks of people that are sleeping there with all their carts full of their belongings and trash and that would probably be the most important things to have in our parks so that we can enjoy peace of mind and no bums with alcohol and others."

"I WOULD LIKE FOR ONE OF THE PARKS to be a dog park for both small dogs and bigger dogs and then I would like the other park to have bike riding paths to encourage people to walk their dogs and bicycle instead of driving cars."

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GREETERS
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All the organizations under Global Greeter operate within clearly defined guidelines. Greeters are screened extensively before being selected, and spend no more than four hours with the visitor they're greeting. Meetings are planned in advance. At Big Apple Greeter, greeters meet with no more than six people at a time, often to show them around a neighborhood or have lunch with them in an out-of-the-way restaurant, said Gail Morse, a director of the program. Many Big Apple Greeters take tourists on their very first subway ride, or to a part of the city outside of Manhattan that they're curious about but weren't sure how to go about exploring.

Despite their informal hometown savvy, greeters "are not professional tour guides," said Morse. "The greeter might not know how many steps it is to the top of the Empire State Building; visitors can get that information out of a guidebook. The visitor understands they have an instant friend who will show them around, show them how to use the subway and the buses, and make the visitor feel like a real New Yorker."

Qureshi said she often finds herself greeting people who live in the Houston suburbs but haven't explored many of Houston's neighborhoods. A native of Pakistan, she specializes in taking people around a South Asian area of town.

Chicago Greeter Program, part of the Global Greeter network, started in 2002, and now has 200 volunteer greeters, said Kristin Unger, a public relations specialist with the Chicago Office of Tourism. This year the city is adding outposts with first-come, first-served greeters to show visitors around specific neighborhoods, such as Hyde Park.

Katie Law, manager of greeter and volunteer services for Chicago's Office of Tourism, speculated that one reason the program is growing overseas might be visitors from Europe who have experienced greeter programs in major U.S. cities, then carried the idea home with them.

"In the last few years, we've seen it taking off in Europe," she said. And, of course, she added, "it's free. You can't deny that people are looking for value when they travel right now, so that is a big draw."

There are also many variations of the greeter concept that aren't part of the official Global Greeter network. A business district in Santa Monica started a program last year called Downtown Ambassador that sends a staff of 30 paid greeters into the streets to offer help to tourists.

An estimated 10 to 20 million people visit the 40-square-block area of Santa Monica each year, said Andrew Thomas, director of operations at the Bayside District Corporation, which runs the downtown ambassador program.

"It's crazy," said Thomas. "On any given crowded weekend, we could have 80,000 people out here, so it gets pretty busy."

Santa Monica's greeters approach tourists who seem lost or just unsure and ask if they need directions or other help. They also have other responsibilities, such as reporting potholes or graffiti to the city, and escorting workers to their cars late at night.

"They always smile, they're cheerful, they're not afraid to approach people and say hello," said Thomas. "We have a handful of native Santa Monicans on the ambassador team, and they really have a wealth of knowledge."



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CHANGES: **Hundreds of runners cross the finnish line at Santa Monica Boulevard and Ocean Avenue during the Los Angeles Marathon earlier this year.**

MARATHON
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processed through the city's Community Recreation Division.

Marathon Race Director Nick Curl said that the necessary paperwork has been submitted and is awaiting confirmation.

Aside from Santa Monica, race officials are also in talks with the cities of Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Beverly Hills to approve required permits. According to marathon officials, final approvals are eminent.

A major benefit of the new route last year was a record turnout of 26,000 runners. Marathon officials, who recently opened registration for the March 20, 2011 race, said that they are planning to expand the numbers, but were reluctant to cite a number.

"We expect a little bigger turnout," Abraham said. "We finally have a destination marathon that attracted runners from 43 countries and 50 states."

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restricted for "very low-income" tenants who earn at most 50 percent of median income, according to the agreement Seltzer negotiated.

"The agreement recaptures three market rate projects and provides for the fulfillment of the affordable housing obligations originally made conditions of their approval," he said.

City Hall lawyers continue to hold talks with other partners in the JSM deal, according to Seltzer. There are at least five other market-rate buildings bundled into the JSM deal that have unfulfilled affordable housing requirements.

Problems with the JSM deal surfaced in April after two sites, 711 Colorado Ave. and 1514 Seventh St., that had been slated for affordable housing construction as part of the deal were sold in a foreclosure auction. A 26-unit affordable building had been planned for each site to satisfy affordable housing requirements for other market-rate buildings.

The president of JSM, Craig Jones, has reportedly left the country and is living in Southeast Asia. City Hall officials have acknowledged they received inadequate security to guarantee that the affordable units Jones promised would be built.

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Alan Seltzer
Chief Deputy City Attorney

Without disclosing details of City Hall's strategy, City Manager Rod Gould has said he is "committed to getting the [promised] affordable housing units built and occupied."

Reached this week, Shekhter declined to comment on the agreement with City Hall, stating that parts of the deal were yet to be finalized.

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Variety is the spice of life

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

THE BACKYARD Some people need an excuse to bring the barbecue grill out of hibernation and fire it up. Not me. I don't care if it's Fourth of July weekend or the Super Bowl. I love to grill, and pretty much do so all year long, taking breaks during the few days it rains or when too many neighbors stop by looking for leftovers. Grilling is more than just a hobby for me. It's a passion, a lifestyle.

So imagine how excited I was when late last year, around the time I received my new, propane-powered Grill Master for Christmas, I made contact with a publicist named Jerry Vitera, who began sending me some of the most unique and flavorful rubs, sauces, jerky, jellies and breads, vastly expanding my culinary war chest.

Over the last six months, I have been incorporating these tasty treats into my barbecue recipes, taking chances with my taste buds for your benefit. It has been a sweet and savory journey, and it all began with two simple barbecue sauces.

The first was from BBQ Stu's, a household name in the Mid-Atlantic region with its base in Pittsburgh. Stu Wilson had a dream, and it was to make the world's best barbecue sauce, combining herbs and spices to come up with a signature sauce that tops most big name brands (Sweet Baby Ray's Honey Chipotle will always be my number one).

His original batch has a rich aroma, sweet with a hint of smoke, pineapple and tomato. The heat is disguised, adding some flavor without burning the throat. This sauce is thick and stays that way, clinging to ribs for a thick glaze. This sauce was meant for pork and I have become addicted.

For a twist, try the Pennsylvania Gold. I used it on some chicken breasts, marinated them over night and grilled them with some bell peppers and sweet onions. It has the hint of mustard with some smoke and a touch of spice for a well-rounded sauce that can be used to coat chicken or serve as a dip.

While you can't find BBQ Stu's in grocery stores around town, it is worth ordering a few bottles and have them shipped to your door. It's a little pricey, but the flavor can't be beat. For real spice, try their Steel City Furnace sauce.

Venturing further south, I discovered Cajun cooking at its finest with Jack Miller's barbecue sauce. Straight from Louisiana, the home of Cajun cooking, Jack Miller's rubs and sauces, created in 1941 at the American Inn Restaurant, are great for grilling, maintaining strong flavor and spice throughout. The sauce, which you have to heat up before using, adds a serious tang to your ribs thanks to a unique blend of 17 ingredients (in a tomato and onion base), cooked slowly in kettles until it becomes rich, thick and tangy.

Use that sauce with Jack's famous rub and you can't go wrong. I use the rub on just about every meat I cook. Forget salt and pepper for your New York strip. Try Jack's seasoning for all seasons and you won't be sorry. This rub kicks up the heat, but not to the point where your eyes are watering. It does make the mouth water, though.

Speaking of rubs, I can't say enough about Arizona Rubs, a company formed in 2003 with a distinct focus on perfecting the art of barbecuing. These rubs, ranging in heat from the mild original to the fire-breathing pistol whip, use fresh ingredients, penetrating whatever meat you use to provide robust flavor. I love chicken wings and after using the rattlesnake blend, I haven't looked back. It has the perfect combination of chili powder, pepper, salt, garlic and other spices, saving me time and money. I use this rub mainly for chicken and for pork ribs. For my ribs I add some brown sugar and apple juice, slow roast at 220 degrees upside down and covered in tin foil so that it roasts for four to five hours, depending how hungry and impatient your guests are.

You can keep those guests off your back with some satisfying snacks. I love Lotus Chips, flour-based chips that are fried and then hand-seasoned and bagged. These chips, which come in sesame, cinnamon sugar, rosemary and balsamic vinegar (my favorite) and tomato basil, are definitely gourmet, taste great and were created by two women with a dash of determination and a pinch of passion.

Another great snack when grilling out is beef jerky. While high in sodium, jerky is low in fat and packs a serious flavor punch. My favorite is Fat Man's, produced by a husband and wife team from Roswell, New Mexico.

FatMan's uses only 100 percent American beef. The beef is hand-sliced and then the marinade is made using only fresh ingredients (no pre-made sauces). Once the marinating is complete, the jerky slices are laid out on trays and placed in a high-tech smokehouses. FatMan's state-of-the-art ovens record the internal temperature of the meat making sure that critical control temperatures are reached prior to the drying cycle. The jerky is then dried and cooled and water tests are preformed to insure that the jerky will be shelf-stable for six months to a year.

Fat Man's offers a wide variety of flavors, from Cowboy smoked to Jalapeno lime (my personal favorite).

And the best thing of all is that all of these products are made by companies in the USA. It is so critical to support smaller, American mom-and-pop operations like these for they provide jobs and contribute to their communities in many ways.

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First shots fired in EV war

THERE IS MAJOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE NEWS this week as General Motors' Volt took on Nissan's Leaf EV in the pricing department.

Neither GM nor Nissan expects to make any profit on either EV for a long, long time, perhaps several years. Just the research and development costs and building all-new assembly lines for Volt and Leaf will cost their manufacturers billions.

GM said their "extended range hybrid EV" low emission/high mileage base Chevrolet Volt will sell for $41,000 when it is introduced later this year. GM tells us the base car comes standard with navigation, five years of OnStar, Bose premium sound and more; what car-makers call "nicely equipped." A fully-equipped Volt is expected to cost around $44,600. Remember, though, that's before incentives.

That $41K tab is in somewhat stark contrast to Nissan's recent announcement that their Leaf EV will sell for under $33,000. That's an amount which, with federal, state and local incentives, might see its true base price drop to as low as $25,500 after those credits are applied.

So a base Volt, even given a buyer taking advantage of all incentives (including the $7,500 federal incentive), should tip the money scales very near $32,000. And that's near the base price of Leaf before any incentives.

To make the cars widely affordable, and to get them out on the streets where the public can see them, we're already experiencing what are probably the first shots fired in the EV Wars: both GM and Nissan will offer subvented leases on Leaf and Volt.

"Subvented" means the car maker picks up the difference between what the customer pays and what the car actually costs to make.

Both Volt and Leaf customers will be able to opt for a three-year, 36-month lease which will cost about $350 a month. Chevy Volt dealers will ask for a $2,500 down payment and Nissan wants $1,999 down for the Leaf.

Lessees can buy the cars when the lease is up, which is different from GM's highly-regarded and much-missed EV1 electric car, which was never sold, only leased to customers.

GM says they expect to sell (or lease) just 10,000 Volts in its first year of sales; Nissan has said they expect to ramp-up Leaf production to 20,000 cars annually for the U.S. in a couple of years.

But GM, apart from Volt's high technology, edgy styling and oh-my-gosh interior, will be depending on one main thing to draw buyers from less-expensive "pure electrics" (like Leaf and Mitsubishi's i-MiEV), and it's called "range anxiety."

It's a new term in the auto world, but it means just what it says: people driving cars which use any fuel other than gasoline worry about how far they can go without running out of that fuel.

Here's where Volt starts to sound like a great idea: While Nissan predicts a 100-mile range per charge for Leaf, GM says their car will have a range of around 600 miles per gasoline tankful, that gasoline powering a small engine which keeps Volt's battery charged.



CHEVY VOLT

Volt will also charge its battery by plugging into an electric outlet, so it appears an owner could have a tough time running out of range in one.

Most car-makers plan on their initial EVs being second or third commuter-type cars. And because the average American's round-trip work commute is said to be 40 miles or under, a 100-mile range should allay any range anxiety. And Leaf should be perfect for that and similar short-haul uses. Leaf also has the cachet of being completely emission-free; the car has no fuel tank or filler nozzle.

But Volt, at its price, size and features, is clearly being aimed at buyers as a primary family car. That $32K, which an incentivized base-level Volt may actually cost, is right smack dab in the middle of the biggest part of the marketplace, where Taurus, Camry and Accord all make their homes.

GM first called Volt an "extended-range hybrid" because of Volt's on-board gasoline engine which is used to keep Volt's battery charged.

Because there is no direct connection between the gasoline engine and the electric drivetrain, GM decided they could legitimately call Volt an electric vehicle. It seems they've gotten their way even though in many minds the issue is still somewhat confused. GM has seen the media pick up on the EV claim (probably because "extended-range hybrid" is long and hard to explain in articles), making their EV claim, so far, successful.

Volt seems more-or-less an interim vehicle until GM comes up with their own pure EV and we'd love to see that product.

Now that we know Volt's price, it makes it easier to see where GM is aiming this new car and will probably give the competition some fodder when it comes to the cost of ownership.

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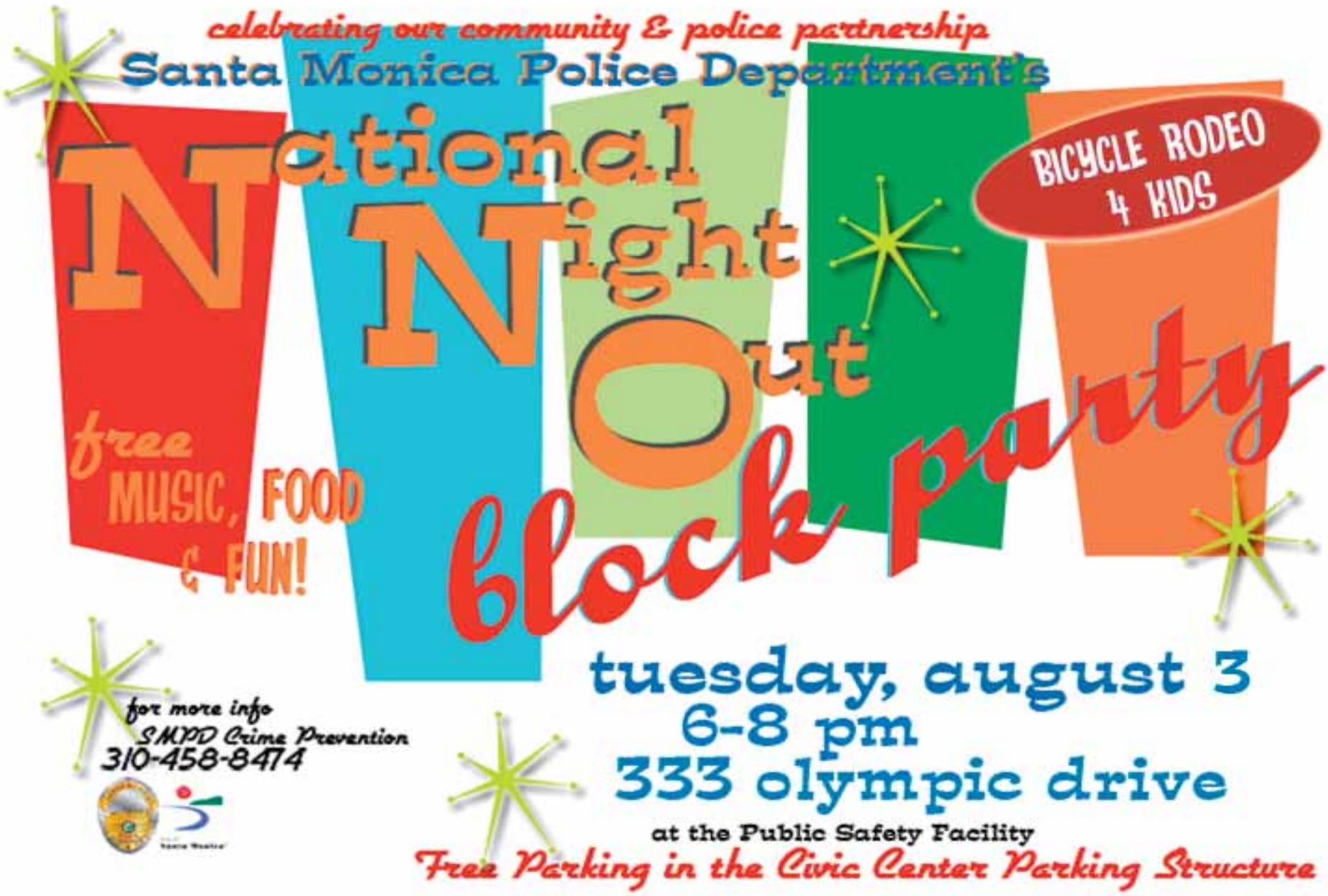
Through 2008, about 600,000 of the 1 million Priuses sold worldwide were bought in North America, the bulk of them, it sometimes seems, in Santa Monica. Now, Toyota has postponed plans for building the Prius in the US.

And the delay could be for as long as six years.

Putting-off a U.S.-built Prius is no big surprise; the very Mississippi plant where Toyota planned on putting these cars together has seen its own construction stop-and-start due to the worldwide recession (last month, Toyota announced construction has resumed on the plant and the factory will produce Corollas starting in 2011).

As the world gets greener, but the recession hangs on (and maybe returns), even the building of the world's most popular low emissions/high mileage car has been put on hold in its most-important market.

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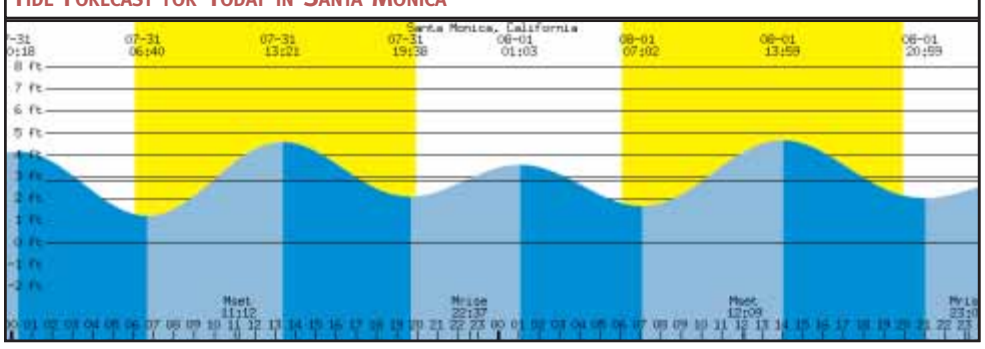
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Pitino tells jury he hoped to keep tryst secret

BRETT BARROUQUERE & DYLAN LOVAN
Associated Press Writers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Rick Pitino, worried that his wife and kids would find out he had a one-night stand with a woman he met in a bar, acknowledged Thursday that he didn't immediately tell police about demands for cars, cash and housing in order to keep the tryst secret.

The Louisville basketball coach told jurors he kept quiet for nearly two months, hoping he could "contain" the damaging information.

Intimate details emerged over the past two days as Pitino, 57, testified against the woman, Karen Cunagin Sypher, at her federal extortion trial. He recounted the sex, the threatening calls he said left him "sick to my stomach" and strongly denied allegations he raped Sypher.

Pitino had to pause, look down and gather himself Thursday as he told jurors the hardest part of the case: telling his family about the 2003 affair after he reported the alleged extortion demands to the FBI in April 2009.

Pitino, who coached in the NBA before taking over at Louisville in 2001, said his best two years came when his son Richard served as an assistant. But as the secrets came out, the partnership had to end. Richard Pitino wound up taking a job at the University of Florida.

"When I had to suggest to him to move on, it was very difficult," Pitino said.

Pitino and defense attorney James Earhart frequently cut each other off during Thursday's questioning, and the tension escalated as Earhart pushed Pitino to address the rape allegations.

The coach interrupted, saying he was "here to give the truth." Earhart retorted, "I bet you are."

"I don't fear the truth," Pitino said.

"Neither do we," Earhart shot back.

Sypher, 50, has pleaded not guilty. She filed a rape report with police after she was indicted last year, about six years after she and Pitino had sex in an empty restaurant a few hours after they met. Authorities have said her rape claim lacked merit, and no charges were filed.

Pitino told jurors Wednesday and again Thursday that Sypher initiated the sex by whispering to him and unzipping his pants when he got up to leave. He said they had sex "very briefly" and called the liaison "unfortunate."

Sypher watched Pitino's testimony closely but showed no reaction. Some jurors began fidgeting as Earhart questioned Pitino about that night and whether Sypher was raped.

Pitino cut off one question by saying Sypher didn't protest as they had sex.

Earhart asked why Pitino didn't address the rape allegations during several meetings with Sypher.

"The truth is, you never at one time challenged the fact that you raped her," Earhart said.

"I didn't have to challenge it because it wasn't true," Pitino said.

They sparred again when Earhart asked Pitino why he told Sypher the phone calls would stop if she denied they had sex.

"You're probably not proud of the fact that you asked someone to lie," Earhart said.

"I never asked someone to lie," Pitino said.

The coach's testimony was the first time he's talked publicly in detail about the relationship. Pitino portrayed Sypher as the aggressor, and several witnesses said she was flirty and persistent when she approached Pitino at the restaurant.

Sypher's ex-husband and longtime Pitino aide, Tim Sypher, told jurors Thursday afternoon that Pitino called him in August 2003 with a request to help Karen Sypher, then known as Karen Wise, find counseling and medical treatment after she said she was pregnant.

Karen Sypher ultimately had an abortion in August 2003 at a clinic in Cincinnati. Pitino gave her $3,000 for medical insurance, about $430 of which was used to pay for the abortion, Tim Sypher said.

Tim and Karen Sypher started dating shortly after and were married less than a year later. Tim Sypher said his ex-wife was fine around Pitino until 2007, when she started making claims of rape and talking about wanting a car and a house.

"It just came out of the blue," said Tim Sypher, who speaks with a heavy accent from his native Massachusetts.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Saturday, July 31
Woodstock (The Director's Cut) (R) 3hr 48min
7:30pm

Sunday, Aug. 1
Rock-Steady Double Feature:
Heavy Metal (R) 1hr 30min
American Pop (R) 1hr 36min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

The Kids Are All Right (AMC INDEPENDENT) (R) 1hr 44min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 1hr 51min
11:05am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Dry Land (AMC Independent) (R) 1hr 32min
12:20pm, 2:50pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Despicable Me (PG) 1hr 35min
10:50am, 1:10pm, 3:45pm, 6:15pm, 8:45pm

Despicable Me 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 4:10pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm, 10:50pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
12:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:35pm, 11:00pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
10:45am, 1:20pm, 4:00pm, 6:35pm, 9:15pm

Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (RealD 3D) (G) 1hr 49min
11:40am, 2:25pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Kisses (NR) 1hr 12min
11:00am

Winnebago Man (NR) 1hr 25min
11:00am

The Girl Who Played with Fire (R) 2hrs 24min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Cyrus (R) 1hr 46min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Life During Wartime (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Around a Small Mountain (36 vues du Pic Saint Loup) (NR) 1hr 24min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

South of the Border (NR) 1hr 33min
11:00am

Exit Through the Gift Shop (R) 1hr 43min
11:00am

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 1hr 22min
11:10am, 1:35pm, 4:00pm, 6:20pm, 8:40pm, 10:50pm

Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 22min
12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:00pm, 7:25pm, 9:50pm

Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13) 1hr 49min
12:10pm, 2:50pm, 5:30pm, 8:10pm, 10:45pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:20am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:40pm

Ramona and Beezus (G) 1hr 44min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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Treat a friend to dinner, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You are more in sync than you have been for a long while. Understanding evolves to a new level. You could be juggling too many concerns. Sort through your priorities, kicking others to the wayside. Tonight: Let a serious friend or loved one do his or her thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★ You know much more of what is going on behind the scenes. New beginnings become possible if you allow greater give-and-take. A focused effort to get a long-overdue project done works -- finally. Tonight: Lounge around.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★ You might want to rethink a matter more carefully than in the past. Mix creativity with loving interactions. Understand the significance of a relationship as you proceed full speed ahead into it. Tonight: Dancing up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Investigate new ideas, and realize more of what you need. Your happy ways and big smile might help ease some pressure. Your expenses draw the attention of many others. Be ready to flow. Others would like you to take the lead. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to differ with others and stay on top of necessities. You might wonder what is really going on with someone you care about. Stay open, because new information heading your way could be an eye-opener. Tonight: Choose your company and have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Handling others comes naturally. Your creativity needs to emerge. Listen to your instincts with others, but don't lose your focus. Remember your priorities. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have a powerful and strong personality. Let others come forward and share more of what is happening. New beginnings become possible if you defer to others. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Hook up with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could be locked into a lot of anger and frustration. Get some exercise. Spend time out and about. Detach from the immediate by getting into a project or by completing work. Tonight: Just enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your playfulness emerges often, though you might want to back away from an unusually assertive or difficult friend. You could act in a similar manner if you don blinders. Tonight: Adding more romance to your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You need to rethink a situation involving a boss or respected authority figure. You might want to let go of concerns. You will, once you decide to open up and chat. Reach out for others. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Every time you try to open up a conversation, you could be taken aback. Plans seem difficult to realize if it involves traveling or doing something different from the same old pattern. Tonight: Know that you don't need to go far.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Close relating could be frustrating, to say the least. You might want to go off and indulge a whim or two. Whether it is buying a new item for yourself or getting a membership to a gym or spa makes no difference. You are doting on yourself! Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

Happy birthday

This year, often you could get locked into thought patterns or a rigid way of looking at situations. The sooner you free yourself of the mental shackles, the sooner you will see opportunities stroll in your direction. Curb a tendency to be depressed. Your high energy will attract many new people. You could be involved with traveling, education and growing more open. If you are single, you draw someone quite unusual. This person might be more in touch with options than you, as he or she comes from a very different background. If you are attached, the two of you will grow together through planning that special trip. You might feel and act like newlyweds. ARIES opens doors.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

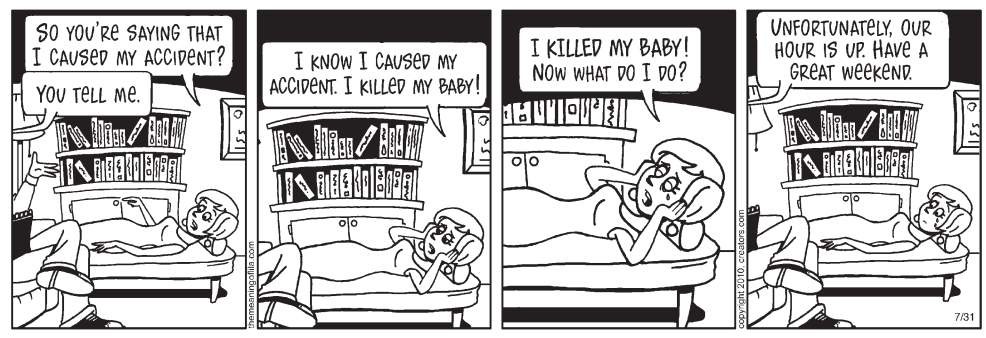
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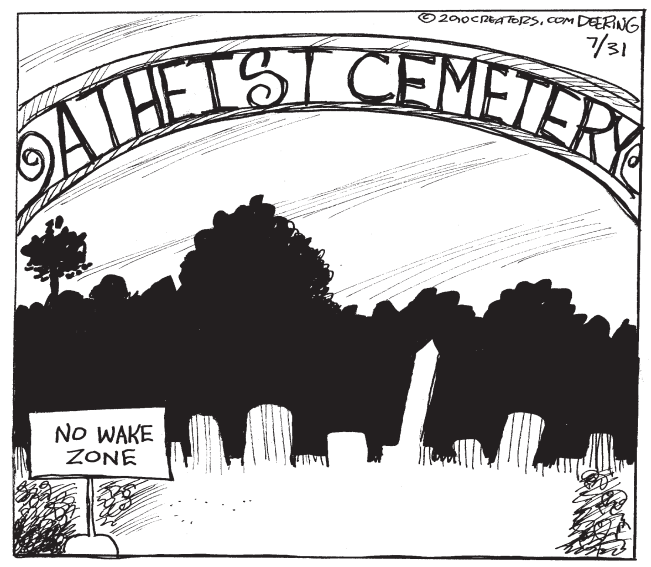
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	2	9	6	8	1	4	7	5
8	5	6	4	2	7	3	1	9
4	7	1	9	5	3	8	6	2
6	1	3	5	4	8	2	9	7
7	9	8	2	3	6	1	5	4
5	4	2	1	7	9	6	8	3
2	8	5	7	6	4	9	3	1
9	6	7	3	1	2	5	4	8
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Heart
7 City founded by Pizarro
11 Turkish peak
12 Shortly
13 Repair site
14 The Jets, for one
15 Articles
16 Danger
17 Hand over
18 Dojo doings
19 Pairs
21 Zeus or Apollo
22 "What's the point?"
25 Soup sphere
26 Approve
27 "Ain't that the truth!"
29 Golf goals
33 "Ivanhoe" author
34 Of the kidneys
35 Roman attire
36 "Forget it!"
37 Portent
38 Tickled
39 Give for a time
40 Documents

DOWN

1 Potter's field
2 Steaming
3 Took a risk
4 Serio-comic show
5 Drops back
6 French season
7 Saloon quaff
8 Furious
9 Watch carefully
10 Not straight
16 Some bow ties
18 Eccentric
20 Wolf pack member
22 Mat word
23 Light-bulb type
24 Exaggerated
25 Starter's need
28 Easel
30 Ouzo flavoring
31 Indy entrant
32 Winter gliders
34 Capital of Italia
36 Snooze

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 5 0 EVENING: 0 0 4

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Men Who Accidentally Shot Themselves Recently: Robert Stewart, 55, a police academy instructor, during class (Liberty Township, Ohio, April). Lazaro Flores, 50, practicing quick-draw at his girlfriend's house (Cape Coral, Fla., January). Michael Webb, 22, showing friends how to disarm a gunman (Camp Lejeune, N.C., February). Michael Randall Jr., 19, outside a convenience store, preparing to rob it (Athens, Ga., December). Vincent Medina, 19, waistband-as-holster mismanagement (hit in the groin) (Fontana, Calif., June). Brandon Boyce, 24, waistband-as-holster mismanagement (hit in the groin) (Omaha, Neb., July).

■ The Philadelphia Inquirer reported in June (1992) on the local "Silent Meeting Club," consisting of people who gather at various spots around town and make it a point not to speak to each other. Founder John Hudak said his inspiration was his observation that people often feel obligated to talk when they really have nothing to say, such as at parties, and wondered how nice it would be "to have a group of people where you wouldn't have to talk." Hudak was interviewed at lunchtime in a downtown park, with several of his fellow members nearby, not talking.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1919 German national assembly adopts the Weimar constitution, which comes into force on August 14.

1930 The radio mystery program The Shadow is aired for the first time.

1932 The NSDAP wins more than 38% of the vote in German elections.

1936 The International Olympic Committee announces that the 1940 Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo. However, the games are given back to the IOC after the Second Sino-Japanese War breaks out, and are eventually cancelled altogether because of World War II.

1938 Bulgaria signs a non-aggression pact with Greece and other states of Balkan Antanti (Turkey, Romania, Yugoslavia).

1938 Archaeologists discover engraved gold and silver plates from King Darius in Persepolis.

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